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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for reporting of
6 secondary school athletics equity.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 article to read:

12 ARTICLE XVI-C

13 REPORTING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS EQUITY

14 Section 1601-C. Scope of article.

15 This article requires reporting by school entities on
16 athletic opportunities afforded to male and female secondary
17 school students.

18 Section 1602-C. Definitions.

19 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall

have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

"School entity." A school district, a joint school, an area vocational-technical school or charter school that provides interscholastic athletic opportunities for secondary school students.

"Secondary school student." A student who attends a school entity in grade 7 through grade 12.

Section 1603-C. Duty to report.

(a) Information.--A school entity shall annually submit information to the department regarding athletic opportunity for male and female secondary school students. The required information, as set forth in this article, shall pertain to current interscholastic athletic teams that provide secondary school student athletic opportunities in a school entity.

(b) Reporting form.--The information shall be submitted on a reporting form and in a manner to be established by the department.

(c) Submission.--The completed reporting form shall be submitted to the department by October 15 of each year for the immediately preceding school year.

(d) Public access.--A school entity shall make a copy of the completed reporting form available for public inspection during regular business hours. A school entity may make a copy of the completed report available for public inspection on the publicly accessible Internet website of the school entity, if one is maintained. The completed reporting form shall constitute a public record subject to public inspection under the act of June

21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know Law.

Section 1604-C. Department duties.

(a) Duties.--The department shall establish a reporting form for the submission of the required information for the immediately preceding school year by school entities. The department shall provide for the distribution of the reporting form through the department's Internet website, and shall provide technical assistance to school entities.

(b) Reporting form information.--The following information shall be included in the reporting form:

(1) The total number of students by gender in each school entity and in each secondary school within a school entity as of October 1 of the immediately preceding school year.

(2) A listing by gender of the interscholastic athletic teams that competed in athletic competition, including categorization of the following information for each athletic team including varsity, junior varsity and freshman athletic teams.

(i) The total number of participants as of the day of the first scheduled competition for each interscholastic athletic team by gender, listing separately the number of participants on each varsity, junior varsity and freshman athletic team.

(ii) For the initial reported school year, the school year in which each interscholastic athletic team was established. For each subsequent reported school year, a listing of interscholastic athletic teams that were newly established or reestablished during the

1 reported school year.

2 (iii) The seasons during which each interscholastic
3 athletic team competed.

4 (iv) The total expenditures for each interscholastic
5 athletic team in the reported school year, which shall
6 include the following data:

7 (A) The total amount of expenditures for
8 transportation.

9 (B) The total amount of expenditures for entry
10 fees to participate in athletic competitions, if any.

11 (C) The total amount of expenditures for
12 athletic equipment, including expenditures for the
13 purchase and any schedule for the replacement of
14 athletic equipment and team uniforms.

15 (D) Both capital budget and maintenance
16 expenditures for sports facilities, including
17 improvements to or expansion of sports facilities,
18 rentals of sports facilities, maintenance and repair
19 of sports facilities. For the purposes of this
20 subparagraph, sports facilities shall include locker
21 rooms, fields and gymnasiums.

22 (v) The total number of trainers by employment
23 status (full-time, part-time, head and assistant).

24 (vi) The total number of coaches by status (full-
25 time, part-time, head and assistant).

26 (vii) The total number of competitions scheduled.

27 (c) Copies.--The department shall make copies of all
28 submitted reports available for public inspection on the
29 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

30 (d) Annual report.--The department shall prepare and submit

1 an annual report to the General Assembly regarding the
2 compliance with the reporting requirements of this article and
3 the expenditures and participation rates regarding
4 interscholastic athletic opportunities for each gender, and
5 other such information as the department deems relevant.

6 Section 1605-C. Regulations.

7 The department may promulgate any rules, regulations or
8 standards to administer this article.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.